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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20054

RE: Ex Parte Communications for MB Docket No. 07-148 and;

Unlicensed Operations in the TV Broadcast Bands in ET Docket No. 04-186; Additional Spectrum for Unlicensed Devices Below 900 MHz and in the 3 GHz Band: ET Docket No. 02-380; also, Matter of Review of the Emergency Alert System (ET Docket No. 04-296), Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. Review of the Emergency Alert System (ET Docket No. 04-296), Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making; Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture ("NAL") against Comcast Corporation for violation of the FCC's sponsorship identification rule in connection with the airing of a Video News Release; Matter of Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service (MM Docket No. 99-325), Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making; Matter of DTV Consumer Education Initiative (MB Docket No. 07-148), Notice of Proposed Rule Making; Matter of Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations (MB Docket No. 07-172, Notice of Proposed Rule Making; Matter of A Low Power Radio Service (MM Docket No. 99-25), Third Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, (FCC 07-204), TV Stations to Provide More Local Programming Information to the Public, Report and Order, (FCC 07-205); Localism Proposals to Ensure Programming is Responsive to Needs of Local Communities, Report and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, (FCC -07-218); Rules to Promote Diversification of Broadcast Ownership, Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, (FCC -07-217); Fourth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in re Rules to Promote Video Programming Diversity By Ensuring New Video Programmers Can Enter and Compete in the Video Market, (FCC 07-219).

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on Monday, January 14, 2008 Whit Adamson, President, Tennessee Association of Broadcasters, Nashville; Debbie Turner, General Manager WTVF-TV, Nashville; Deb McDermott, President Young Broadcasting, Inc., Nashville; Gwen Kinsey, Regional Manager Young Broadcasting, Inc. and GM WATE-TV Knoxville, WKRN-TV Nashville and KELO-TV Sioux Falls; Elden Hale, Senior VP Meredith Broadcasting and GM WSMV-TV Nashville; Bayard Walters, President Cromwell Group, Nashville; Tom English, Clear Channel Radio Market Manager, Nashville; Jeff Shaw, PEG Broadcasting, Market Manager Crossville; Bart Walker, WGNS-AM/FM, Murfreesboro and Craig Jacobus, President South Central Radio Group, Nashville all met with Commissioner Tate and discussed broadcasters' concerns about the Commission's proposed rules. Specifically, we discussed that the proposals, if implemented, could burden radio and television licensees and exhaustive man hours and lead to unnecessary paperwork and station expense, unwanted interference for certain receivers of broadcast equipment, competitive disadvantages, less access to locally responsive programming. Additionally, some of the proposals raise First Amendment questions and could inadvertedly discourage minority hiring and ownership.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, one copy of this letter is being filed electronically. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Whit Adamson President, TAB

cc: Amy Blankenship, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate